(घ) इस वन्यजीव को वन्यजीव (सुरक्षा) अधिनियम, 1972 के उपबंधों के अंतर्गत मानव जीवन के लिए खतरनाक घोषित किया गया है और इसे मारने के आदेश दिए गए हैं।

**Ban on Import of Waste Materials**

3704. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have short-listed the items of import of waste from other countries which are harmful and banned in other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some wastes arc being dumped in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of such material imported during the last one year and now proposed to be banned totally?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Technical Working Group appointed under Basel Convention for transboundary movement of Hazardous Wastes in which India is participating has finalised a list of wastes to be banned under Basel Convention. This list is to be discussed in the meeting of the Conference of Parties to be held in October 1997. In case the list of adopted, the import of listed hazardous wastes will cease by 31st December, 1997. However, as an abundant caution, the Ministry of Environment & Forests has banned cyanide, mercury and arsenic bearing wastes on 26th December 1996. A final notification prohibiting import of wastes containing or contaminated with beryllium, selenium, chromium (hcxavalcnt), thallium and pesticides, herbicides, insecticides and their intermediates/residues thereof including outdated pesticides has been published on 15th April, 1997.

(c) and (d) No Sir, the dumping of hazardous wastes is not allowed under Rulc-11 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 brought out by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. However, import of such wastes is allowed for reprocessing or reuse as raw material after examining each case on merit. Further, in compliance with the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 10.4.96, no import of hazardous wastes, is now being permitted. In Writ Petition No. 657/95, Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology versus Union of India, the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 5.5.97 have passed a judgement on the issue, the. details of which are awaited.

**Felling of Trees in Chanakyapuri Area**

3705. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the felling of thousands of trees within a few days recently in Chanakyapuri area in New Delhi in blatant violation of the environmental laws;

(b) if so, whether any permission for the felling of thousands of trees was granted by Government;

(c) if not, whether Government have made any inquiry into the devastation of the green area; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Government of NCT Delhi and will be laid on the Table of the House.